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IN THE ABSTRACT

[Please amend the Abstract as follows:]

~~A method and apparatus are provided for alarming~~ An alarm is generated upon the occurrence of or expected occurrence of a cell secession of a mobile station in a mobile communication system. A base station transceiver subsystem (BTS) receives power-related information transmitted from a mobile station, the power-related information being related to a received power level of the base station at the mobile station and being generated and transmitted from the mobile station to the base station, and analyzes the power-related information to determine whether a mobile station has seceded from a ~~corresponding~~ selected cell. The BTS transmits cell secession alarm information to a cell-seceded mobile station to enable the cell-seceded mobile station to ~~perform~~ generate a cell secession alarm ~~operation~~ to advise a subscriber of the cell-seceded mobile station of a possible call drop.